THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN):(a) to (c) In view of the cap on borrowings from the Banks to the maximum extent of 10 times of the paid up capital, Food Corporation of India (FCI) was not able to obtain bank credit beyond Rs.22,945 crores during March, 2001. In view of this, the FCI could not effect payment of around Rs.1700 crores, to Punjab (Rs.1100 crores), Andhra Pradesh (Rs.300 crores), Haryana (Rs.300 crores) and Karnataka (Rs.30 crores). The cap on borrowing by FCI was removed by the Government by amending the FCI Act in May, 2001. The FCI was, therefore able to get additional bank finance and discharge the above dues. In respect of Punjab, Haryana and Karnataka, the payments were due only to the State Government and their Agencies. In case of Andhra Pradesh only, payment was due to the rice millers. The above arrears to rice millers in respect of Andhra Pradesh was cleared in May. Presently the payment position is normal. The millers purchase the stocks from the farmers/traders for conversion of paddy into rice. The FCI monitors payment due to the millers for stocks delivered. The amount paid by FCI to the rice millers of Andhra Pradesh against the levy rice delivered during the period between 1.4.2001 to 27.7.2001 is Rs. 2119.93 crores for 19.34 lakh tonnes of levy rice.

Off-take of Foodgrains

2589. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) how much tonnage of foodgrains are presently in the godowns as buffer stock;

(b) whether the present stock is adequate to meet requirements of the States; and

(c) how much was the off take by the States in the first quarter of 2001 under BPL Scheme and Annapurna Anna Yojana?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) The stock of rice and wheat as on 1.7.2001 in the Central Pool against the prescribed buffer stocking norms of foodgrains was as under:—

(In lakh tonnes)

	Rice	Wheat	Total
*Stock	227.51	389.20	616.71
Buffer norms	100.00	143.00	243.30

*(Provisional)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following quantities of rice and wheat have been lifted by State Governments/U.Ts during the first quarter of 2001 (January, 2001 to March, 2001) under below poverty line (BPL) category and Annapurna Scheme:-

*(Figures in Lakh tonnes)

BPL	Rice	Wheat	Total
(Including Antyodaya Anna Yojana)	14.15	7.53	21.68
Annapurna	0 64	0.31	0.95

*(Provisional)

Allocation for Antyodaya Anna Yojana

2590. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Antyodaya Anna Yojana Scheme launched by the Prime Minister on 25th December, 2000 has commenced in March, 2001;

(b) if so, the State-wise allocation and distribution made for the first quarter of the year;

(c) whether this was adequate to meet requirements of the families as identified and submitted to Government by the States/Union Territories, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the allocation and disbursement for Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) Yes Sir, Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) was implemented in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli during March, 2001.

(b) A statement showing the state-wise allocation of foodgrains in the States/UTs where AAY has been implemented in the first quarter of the year 2001-2002 is enclosed (*see* below)

(c) The AAY contemplates identification of one crore poorest of the poor families and issue of 25 kg. of foodgrains per family per month to them. This quantity does not meet the entire requirment of an average family as PDS is only supplemental in nature. The allocation of foodgrains has been made for the number of families identified by the States/UTs under this scheme.

(d) Allocation of foodgrains has not been made to Orissa since the State Government is in the process of distributing the distinctive ration cards to the identified families under AAY.